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**Machar Aciek Ader Nyang**  
**Undersecretary, Ministry of Petroleum and Mining, Republic of South Sudan**

Machar Aciek Ader Nyang was appointed Undersecretary of the Ministry of Petroleum and Mining for the Government of the Republic of South Sudan in November 2011. Before his appointment as Undersecretary, he was the Crude Oil Marketing Manager in the Sudan Ministry of Petroleum and Mining and brings 24 years of extensive petroleum sector knowledge and experience to his current position.

Undersecretary Machar holds a Master of Science in Development Planning from the University of Khartoum, Sudan, a Diploma in Petroleum Economics from The College of Petroleum and Energy Studies, Oxford, U.K., and a Bachelor of Science in Economics and Political Science from the University of Khartoum, Sudan. He was born in Kong Gor Tonj in Warrap State and is married with children and grandchildren.



**James Agin**  
**Chief Business Officer-International, KCB Bank Group**

James Agin joined the KCB Bank Group in January 2008 as Managing Director of KCB Bank Uganda Ltd. Prior to his appointment as Chief Business Officer-International, Mr. Agin was the Regional Director responsible for KCB Group Subsidiaries.

Mr. Agin sits on the Boards of the KCB Bank Group businesses in South Sudan, Rwanda and Uganda. He has over 18 years of banking experience.

He has a Bachelor of Science Degree from University of Nairobi and an MBA from IESE Business School, Spain. He is also an associate of the Chartered Institute of Bankers, UK. He previously worked for Barclays Bank both in Kenya and Uganda where he last served as the Corporate Director, Barclays Bank of Uganda, and also sat on its Board.



**Simon Akuei Deng Garang**  
**Secretary General, South Sudan Chamber of Commerce, Industry, and Agriculture**

In 2009, Simon Akuei Deng Garang was elected Secretary General of the South Sudan Chamber of Commerce, Industry, and Agriculture.

Mr. Akuei Deng is also Director of Oil Centre Limited, a supplier of fuel and lubricants; CEO and Director of Giant Technologies Ltd., which provides VSAT and Internet services; Director of Suntech Limited, which provides printing and ICT services; and Director of Suntech Farm Ltd., an agricultural firm. In addition, he is a Board Member of the South Sudan Roads Authority.

Mr. Akuei Deng began his career as a businessman in South Sudan in 2000, based in Kapoeta working in the areas of gold mining and supply of food items. He studied at Moi University, Kenya, and relocated to Juba in 2006.



**David Auerbach**  
**Co-founder, Sanergy**

David Auerbach is a co-founder of Sanergy, which provides hygienic sanitation in urban slums.

Previously, Mr. Auerbach worked at Ignia Fund in Mexico and ran Partnerships, Policy, and Outreach at Endeavor, a non-profit that helps high-impact entrepreneurs in the developing world. He was the Deputy Chair for Poverty Alleviation at the Clinton Global Initiative in 2005-06, and taught in China for two years. Mr. Auerbach is a Legatum Fellow for Development Entrepreneurship at MIT, an Echoing

Green Fellow and a Rainer Arnhold Fellow. He holds an MBA from MIT and a BA from Yale University.



**Annell R. Bay**  
**Vice President, Global Exploration, Marathon Oil Corporation**

Annell R. Bay is Vice President, Global Exploration, for Marathon Oil Corporation. She joined Marathon in June 2008.

Immediately before joining Marathon, Ms. Bay had been Vice President, Americas Exploration at Shell Exploration and Production Company since 2004. Prior to Shell, Ms. Bay held the positions of Vice President, Worldwide Exploration in Houston and Vice President, North America Exploration, in Denver, for Kerr-McGee Oil and Gas Corporation. Ms. Bay was with Oryx Energy Company prior to the merger with Kerr-McGee, and her responsibilities included Manager, International Exploration. She began her career in 1980 as an exploration geologist for Shell Oil Company in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Ms. Bay holds a Bachelor's degree in geology from Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas, and a Master's degree in geology from the University of Texas at Austin.

Ms. Bay serves as a board member of the National Ocean Industries Association, a trustee of the American Geological Institute Foundation, an Advisory Council Member of the Jackson School of Geology at the University of Texas at Austin Geology Foundation, and an Advisory Committee Member of the Bureau of Economic Geology at the University of Texas.

**Aggrey Ayuen Majok**  
**Vice Chancellor of the John Garang Memorial University of Science and Technology**

Dr. Aggrey Ayuen Majok is the Vice Chancellor of the John Garang Memorial University of Science and Technology in Bor, Jonglei State. Dr. Majok is responsible for the development of the university's structural and academic programs, including the management of the USAID-funded partnership with Texas A&M and Ohio State University that seeks to strengthen instruction, research, and outreach in agriculture and natural resource management.

Prior to his current position, Dr. Majok served as a Professor of Veterinary Epidemiology at the University of Juba, as well as a teacher of Tropical Animal Health at the University of Khartoum.

In addition to his academic work, Dr. Majok has worked as a Veterinary Epidemiologist and Project Coordinator for United Nations-funded projects in the Middle East and Afghanistan.

Dr. Majok holds a Master's of Preventative Veterinary Medicine and a Ph.D. in Veterinary Epidemiology from the University of California-Davis. In addition, he holds degrees from the University of Khartoum, University of Edinburgh, and University of Glasgow.



**Dr. Barnaba Benjamin Marial**  
**Minister of Information and Broadcasting, Republic of South Sudan**

Dr. Barnaba Benjamin Marial is the Minister of Information and Broadcasting for the Republic of South Sudan. Previously, Dr. Marial served as Minister of Commerce, Trade and Supply, as well as Minister for Regional Co-operation, Southern Sudan's de facto Foreign Minister prior to independence.

Dr. Marial is a physician by training, having graduated in medicine in Cairo, Egypt. He moved to the United Kingdom, domesticated his medical qualifications and thereafter practiced as a general practitioner in London.

A longtime member of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement/Army (SPLM/A), Dr. Marial was called to Harare to spearhead the movement's Southern African-based diplomatic effort. He remained in Harare until he was recalled to East Africa by the SPLM/A leadership to form part of the Movement's negotiating team in Nairobi until the Comprehensive Peace Agreement was signed in early 2005.



**Scott Carpenter**  
**Principal, Google Ideas**

Scott Carpenter is a principal at Google Ideas, Google's new "think/do" tank, where he is responsible for driving the technology in governance portfolio as well as shaping its strategy in three other key

areas: confronting violent extremism, addressing illicit networks, and expanding freedom of expression in closed societies.

Before joining Google, Mr. Carpenter founded and directed Project Fikra as the Keston Family Fellow at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy. Previously, Mr. Carpenter served as U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State in the Bureau of Near East Affairs, where he helped conceive and implement the Middle East Partnership Initiative before being named Coordinator for the Broader Middle East and North Africa Initiative. His other roles in government include director of governance for the Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq and Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Bureau of Human Rights and Democracy.



**Johnnie Carson**  
**U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of African Affairs**

Ambassador Johnnie Carson was sworn in as Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of African Affairs, on May 7, 2009. Prior to this he was the National Intelligence Officer for Africa at the National Intelligence Council, after serving as the Senior Vice President of the National Defense University in Washington D.C. (2003-2006).

Ambassador Carson's 37-year Foreign Service career includes ambassadorships to Kenya (1999-2003), Zimbabwe (1995-1997), and Uganda (1991-1994); and Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of African Affairs (1997-1999). Before joining the Foreign Service, Ambassador Carson was a Peace Corps volunteer in Tanzania from 1965-1968.



**Mark E. Chiaviello**  
**Director, Corporate and Investment Banking, Standard Bank**

Mr. Chiaviello has been involved in Africa for over 25 years. He is currently a Director at Standard Bank, Africa's largest financial institution, with the responsibility of promoting foreign direct investment, trading relationships and donor flows from the United States into Africa.

Prior to joining Standard Bank in 2006, Mr. Chiaviello spent nine years at Deutsche Bank running their South African equity business in America. In 2007, the United Nations Development Programme appointed Mr. Chiaviello to their Advisory Board for the Regional Programme for Africa. Mr. Chiaviello was elected to the Board of Directors of The Corporate Council on Africa in 2008. Mr. Chiaviello was a member of the United States Export – Import Bank’s Sub-advisory Committee on Sub-Saharan Africa in 2007 and 2008. In the 1980s, Mr. Chiaviello spent over two years as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Botswana, where he worked with the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.



**Gier Chuang Aluong**  
**Minister of Roads and Bridges, Republic of South Sudan**

Major General Gier Chuang Aluong was appointed the Minister Roads and Bridges on August 26, 2011. He previously served as the Minister of Internal Affairs, from 2009 to 2011, and as the Minister for Telecommunications and Postal Services from 2005 to June 2009.

He worked as operation staff in the commando unit for the Sudan People’s Liberation Army, which overran several enemy garrisons in Eastern and Western Equatoria State. General Aluong became a member of the military leadership council (the GMC) in 1998 shortly after its formation. Prior to that he was appointed a member of the National Liberation Council, and he remains a member of both councils to this day. In 2002, he was also appointed a member of the New Sudan National AIDS Council.



**Helen Clark**  
**Administrator, United Nations Development Programme**

Helen Clark became the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme in April 2009, and is the first woman to lead the organization. She is also the Chair of the United Nations Development Group, a committee consisting of the heads of all UN funds, programmes and departments working on development issues.

Prior to her appointment with UNDP, Ms. Clark served for nine years as Prime Minister of New Zealand, serving three successive terms from 1999 - 2008. Throughout her tenure as Prime Minister, Ms. Clark engaged widely in policy development and advocacy across the international, economic, social and cultural spheres.

Ms. Clark came to the role of Prime Minister after an extensive parliamentary and ministerial career. First elected to Parliament in 1981, Ms. Clark was re-elected to her multicultural Auckland constituency for the tenth time in November 2008. Earlier in her career, she chaired Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee.



**Sarah F. Cliffe**

**United Nations Special Advisor and Assistant Secretary General, Civilian Capacities**

Sarah F. Cliffe has worked for the last 20 years in countries emerging from conflict and political transition, covering Afghanistan, Burundi, CAR, DRC, Guinea Bissau, Ethiopia, Haiti, Indonesia, Liberia, Rwanda, Sudan, South Africa, and Timor-Leste.

Ms. Cliffe is currently on secondment from the World Bank to the United Nations as Special Adviser and Assistant Secretary General, Civilian Capacities Review.

Prior to joining the World Bank, she worked for the United Nations Development Program in Rwanda, the Government of South Africa, and the Congress of South African Trade Unions, as well as for a major management consultancy company in the United Kingdom on public sector reform issues. She holds degrees in History and Economic Development from Cambridge and Columbia Universities.

Since joining the Bank, Ms. Cliffe's work has covered post-conflict reconstruction, community driven development and civil service reform. She was Chief of mission for the Bank's program in Timor-Leste from 1999 to 2002; led the Bank's Fragile and Conflict-Affected Countries Group from 2002-2007; and was Director of Strategy and Operations for the East Asia and Pacific Region from 2007-2009. She was Special Representative and Director for the World Development Report 2011 on Conflict, Security, and Development from 2009-2011.





**Hillary Rodham Clinton**  
**U.S. Secretary of State**

On January 21, 2009, Hillary Rodham Clinton was sworn in as the 67th Secretary of State of the United States. Secretary Clinton joined the State Department after nearly four decades in public service as an advocate, attorney, First Lady, and Senator.

In 2000, Hillary Clinton made history as the first First Lady elected to the United States Senate, and the first woman elected statewide in New York. In the Senate, she served on the Armed Services Committee, the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, the Environment and Public Works Committee, the Budget Committee and the Select Committee on Aging. She was also a Commissioner on the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

In 2006, Senator Clinton won reelection to the Senate, and in 2007 she began her historic campaign for President. In 2008, she campaigned for the election of Barack Obama and Joe Biden, and in November, she was nominated by President-elect Obama to be Secretary of State.



**Lindsay Coates**  
**Executive Vice President, InterAction**

Lindsay Coates serves as Executive Vice President for InterAction and heads the Policy and Communications Team, where she works to realize the goals of InterAction and the community of 192 nongovernmental organizations that it represents.

From 2004-2008, Ms. Coates was the Chief Operating Officer at Population Action International, a research and advocacy institute. Prior to her work in the NGO world, Ms. Coates practiced civil rights law in various capacities, among them Chief of Staff for the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights and Equal Employment Opportunity Attorney, and Officer at the National Gallery of Art.

Ms. Coates' volunteer service has included the Obama administration's Task Force on Global Poverty—run by the Office of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships—and the Public Policy Committee of the Independent Sector. She has been a Trustee for her alma mater, the University of the South at Sewanee, and a Board Member for the Mississippi Volunteer Lawyers Project, which provides legal services to low-income citizens.



**Jay Collins**  
**Vice-Chairman of Global Banking, Citigroup**

Vice-Chairman of Global Banking and a Managing Director of the Public Sector Group for Citi  
Jay Collins is a Vice-Chairman of Global Banking and a Managing Director of the Public Sector Group for Citi. The Public Sector team is responsible for managing the firm's relationships with sovereign governments, municipalities, and supranational clients around the world. He has advised Governments on large scale financings, debt restructurings, privatizations and efficiency initiatives on every continent.

Mr. Collins is Vice Chairman of the Board of the Center for the Study of the Presidency and Chairman of the U.S.-Pakistan Business Council. He is also a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the Bretton Woods Committee and the International Policy Committee of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.



**Valentino Achak Deng**  
**Founder, Valentino Achak Deng Foundation**

Born in Marial Bai, southern Sudan, Valentino Achak Deng fled the country in the late 1980s during civil war when government-armed militia destroyed his village. After walking hundreds of miles to safety, Mr. Deng spent nine years in exile in Ethiopia and Kenya, where he attended school and worked for development partners of the UN as a refugee youth leader, social advocate, and educator. In 2001, he resettled to the United States.

In 2006, Mr. Deng and author Dave Eggers founded the Valentino Achak Deng Foundation. As a leader in the South Sudanese diaspora, Mr. Deng continually advocates for the universal right to education and has toured the world speaking about his childhood experience, the plight of his people, his contemporary work in the newly independent South Sudan, and his dream to encourage young men and women to become leaders and agents of peaceful, sustainable development.



**Stephen Dhieu Dau Ayik**  
**Minister of Petroleum and Mining**

Stephen Dhieu Dau Ayik is the Minister of Petroleum and Mining for the Government of the Republic of South Sudan.

Before his appointment as Minister of Petroleum and Mining, he held the position of Minister of Commerce and Industry in the Government of Southern Sudan. He has also held the position of Minister of Finance, Trade and Economic Planning in Upper Nile State and has had extensive banking experience with the Central Bank of South Sudan in Khartoum. He is currently a participant in South Sudan's petroleum negotiations with Sudan. He has years of experience in conflict resolution and community liaison.



**Philippe Dongier**  
**Sector Manager, Information and Communication Technologies, The World Bank**

Philippe Dongier joined the World Bank in 1998. He currently leads the Bank's ICT sector globally, managing development programs with more than 80 countries to help develop national ICT policy and regulatory framework, to accelerate the roll-out of broadband networks, to support the growth of local ICT industries, and to promote the use of ICT to increase development impact across sectors.

His earlier roles at the World Bank included leading community-driven rural infrastructure and micro-finance programs in Asia, Latin America and Africa (1998 to 2001), managing the Bank's program of operations supporting Afghanistan reconstruction across sectors (late 2001 to 2004), leading a corporate initiative on strengthening the Bank's organizational effectiveness (2004 to 2005). Prior to joining the Bank, Mr. Dongier was with McKinsey & Company (1993-1998), consulting on strategy and organizational restructuring including in the Telecommunications and IT industries. From 1986 to 1992, Mr. Dongier was based in Nepal working on decentralized infrastructure and micro-finance programs in Nepal, Bangladesh and Vietnam.



**Obiageli Ezekwesili**  
**World Bank Vice President for the Africa Region**

Obiageli “Oby” Ezekwesili was appointed Vice President for the World Bank Africa Region in 2007. As Vice President, she has overseen record levels of World Bank lending to sub-Saharan African countries, as well as the delivery of projects and economic and sectoral work in 47 countries, and management of over 1,600 staff. Most recently, she has guided the development of the new Regional Strategy governing the World Bank’s relations with sub-Saharan Africa.

Ms. Ezekwesili joined the World Bank following her tenure as Minister of Education and Minister of Solid Minerals in Nigeria, and as Senior Special Assistant to the President of Nigeria on Budget Monitoring and Price Intelligence. She served as Chairperson of the Nigerian Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative and led the voluntary sign-on of Nigeria to the EITI Principles as well as the first ever process, financial and physical audit of Nigeria’s oil and gas sector. Prior to joining government, she was Director of the Harvard-Nigeria Economic Strategy program, a founding Director of Transparency International (TI), and TI’s Director for Africa.



**John Githongo**  
**Chief Executive Officer, Inuka Kenya Trust**

John Githongo is the Chief Executive Officer of the Inuka Kenya Trust, which is the vehicle for Ni Sisi! – It is Us!

He is also Chairman of the Board of Africa Institute for Governing with Integrity, hosted by Freedom House; a Commissioner with the UK government's Independent Commission on Aid Impact (ICAI), a director of the African Centre for Open Governance in Kenya (AFRICOG), and an Advisory Board Member of Transparency International (Berlin).

Previously, he served as Vice President (Policy and Advocacy) with World Vision International; Visiting Fellow, International Development Research Centre, Ottawa, Canada; and Senior Associate Member, St Antony's College Oxford University. Between 2002 and 2005 he served as Permanent Secretary in charge of Governance and Ethics, Office of the President of Kenya. He also served on the global board of Transparency International and was the founder and Executive Director of Transparency International – Kenya.

In 2004, the German President awarded him with the German-Afrika President's Prize for Leadership. In 2009, the Africa Centre for Strategic Studies awarded him the African Annual Visionary Award. In 2011, he was selected as one of the world's 100 most influential Africans by *New African Magazine* and one of *Foreign Policy Magazine's* 100 Top Global Thinkers of 2011.



### **Marcelo Giugale**

#### **World Bank Director of Economic Policy and Poverty Reduction Programs for Africa**

Marcelo Giugale is the World Bank's Director of Economic Policy and Poverty Reduction Programs for Africa. An international development leader, his 25 years of experience span the Middle East, Eastern Europe, Central Asia, Latin-America and Africa, where he led senior-level policy dialogue and over \$20 billion in lending operations across the development spectrum.

He has published widely on economic policy, finance, development economics, business, agriculture and applied econometrics. Notably, he was the chief editor of collections of policy notes published for the presidential transitions in Mexico (2000), Colombia (2002), Ecuador (2003), Bolivia (2006) and Peru (2006). His opinion editorials are published in leading newspapers and blog sites of the USA and Africa. He received decorations from the governments of Bolivia and Peru, and taught at the American University in Cairo, The London School of Economics, and the Universidad Católica Argentina.

A citizen of Argentina and Italy, he holds a Ph.D. and an MSc in Economics from The London School of Economics, and a summa cum laude B.A. in Economics from Universidad Católica Argentina.



**Brian Herlihy**  
**SEACOM Executive Director and Founder**

Brian Herlihy has extensive experience in mega-infrastructure projects in Africa spanning a number of disciplines including project development, financing, and governmental liaison, supported by a strong understanding of African economics.

An American citizen, his career began in the United Kingdom in 1994 in the health waste sector before joining the Bank of America as Marketing Analyst in 1997. From 1999 to 2003, he worked on the Africa ONE project, where he gained valuable African experience.

In 2003, he was appointed Vice President of Development at Global Alumina, a large alumina refinery project in the Republic of Guinea focused on development of a multi-purpose infrastructure project including a port, power plant, rail extension, town development and the refinery itself. Upon a partial sale of the refinery project to a strategic investor, Mr. Herlihy raised \$10 million of venture capital and founded SEACOM. As the founder and CEO, Mr. Herlihy led the financing, development and construction of the first submarine fiber optic cable to connect East and South Africa to the world's major international networks.



**Paul Hinks**  
**Chief Executive Officer, Symbion Power**

Founder Paul Hinks is the driving force behind Symbion Power. He has spent his life in the power industry, where he has been responsible for the construction of power plants, transmission lines and substations. His career spans 30 years and in that period, he has worked in the USA, Africa, the Middle East and Asia. Since 2003, Mr. Hinks has been at the forefront of U.S. wartime contracting efforts. Mr. Hinks is a member of the Bretton Woods Committee and serves on the Board of Directors of the Corporate Council on Africa.



**Mo Ibrahim**  
**Founder, Mo Ibrahim Foundation**

Dr. Mo Ibrahim is a global expert in mobile communications with a distinguished academic and business career. More recently, he has played a leading advocacy role on African development and governance, through his Foundation and through participation in a range of global initiatives.

In 1998, Dr. Ibrahim founded Celtel International, one of Africa's most successful mobile communications companies.

In 2006, Dr. Ibrahim established the Mo Ibrahim Foundation to support good governance and great leadership on the African continent.

He is also Founding Chairman of Satya Capital Limited, an investment fund focused on Africa.

Dr. Ibrahim was listed by TIME magazine as one of the 100 most influential people in the world. He has received numerous honorary degrees and fellowships from a range of academic institutions. Dr. Ibrahim is also the recipient of a number of awards including the GSM Association's Chairman's Award for Lifetime Achievement (2007) and the BNP Paribas Prize for Philanthropy (2008).



**Anne Itto Leonardo**  
**Deputy Secretary General, Sudan People's Liberation Movement**

Dr. Anne Itto Leonardo is Deputy Secretary General of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM), and a member of SPLM Political Bureau and National Liberation Council.

Dr. Itto received a Doctorate Degree in post-harvest pests and technology from Kansas State University, Kansas, in 1988, and taught at the University of Juba for 15 years before joining the SPLM in 1994.

She became a member of the National Assembly representing Magwi County in Eastern Equatoria State and was appointed Minister of State in the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry in the Government of National Unity.

She became the Minister for Cooperative and Rural Development. In August 2010, she was appointed Minister of Agriculture and Forestry for the Government of Southern Sudan, a position she held until September 2011.



**Rajakumari Jandhyala**

**Deputy Assistant Administrator for Africa, U.S. Agency for International Development**

Rajakumari Jandhyala has served as USAID's Deputy Assistant Administrator for Africa since October 2010. In this capacity, she oversees the Offices of Sudan Programs and East African Affairs. Prior to coming to USAID, Ms. Jandhyala worked as a senior advisor and head of the Peace and Security Division in the Department of State Office of the United States Special Envoy to Sudan.

Ms. Jandhyala is an expert on national security with a focus on war-to-peace transitions and public policy reforms in countries affected by conflict. Over the last 17 years, she was engaged by governments to develop and launch national strategies for peace negotiations, the deployment of peacekeeping missions, and complex policy reforms in security and development, as well as to manage crisis fueled by insurgencies, terrorism, resource competition and political transitions. In addition, she has extensive experience working in regional and multilateral organizations on peace and security initiatives.



**Hilde F. Johnson**

**United Nations Special Representative for Republic of South Sudan**

On July 8, 2011, United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon appointed Ms. Hilde Johnson of Norway as his Special Representative and Head of the United Nations Mission in the Republic of South Sudan.



Ms. Johnson has significant experience in crisis and conflict response, including in the Horn of Africa, Sudan, Great Lakes region, Afghanistan, Timor-Leste and Guatemala. Having served most recently as the Deputy Executive Director of UNICEF, she led the agency's humanitarian operations, crisis response and post-crisis transition programs.

Ms. Johnson served as Minister and member of the Norwegian Government Cabinet for seven years (1997-2000 and 2001-2005) and was Member of Parliament from 1993 to 2001. During this time, she played an instrumental role in the negotiations leading to the completion of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement between the Government of Sudan and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement/Army in 2005.

Ms. Johnson speaks Norwegian, English and Swahili, and has a working knowledge of French and German. She was born in Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania.



**Gerald Kepes**  
**Partner, PFC Energy**

Gerald Kepes is Partner and Head of PFC Energy's Upstream & Gas Practice, which focuses on regional and global gas and E&P strategies, the oil field and drilling services sector, and competition and performance therein. A particular focus is fiscal systems analysis which is the nexus of geologic potential, perceptions of attractiveness, and the competitive market with its consequent impact on investment. He has been personally involved with strategy engagements with governments and national oil companies in Latin America, Europe, North Africa, the Middle East, Russia and Asia. The level of experience with international oil companies is equally extensive with client engagements across North America, Europe, Russia and Australasia.

Prior to assuming management of the firm's Upstream practice in 1996, Mr. Kepes was a senior economist and industry analyst within the Markets & Country Strategies Group. Mr. Kepes has been with PFC Energy since 1991, living and working in Washington, D.C., Malaysia, France and Bahrain, in addition to spending considerable time in Latin America.

Prior to joining PFC Energy, Mr. Kepes was an exploration geologist for Marathon Oil Company. His primary role involved basin evaluation, prospect generation and reserves estimation, and the preparation of exploration strategies and work programs for concession appraisals in countries in North Africa and the Middle East.



### **U.S. Senator John Kerry**

John Kerry is the Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Senator Kerry is the tenth most senior Senator and the second longest serving Senator in his seat. He also holds senior positions on the Finance, Commerce, and Small Business Committees.

Under Senator Kerry's leadership, the committee is addressing the key foreign policy and national security issues facing the United States including Afghanistan and Pakistan, nuclear nonproliferation, and global climate change.

Senator Kerry is a 22-year veteran and former chairman of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, where he stands up every day for Americans who own and work for small businesses. Especially during tough economic times, Senator Kerry knows how important it is to make sure our small businesses have a level playing field in the global economy and his work in this issue area has proven that.

As a senior member of the Senate Commerce Committee, Senator Kerry also serves as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Communications, Technology and the Internet, where he's working to expand national broadband internet access and safeguard internet privacy for all Americans.



### **Salva Kiir Mayardit President, Republic of South Sudan**

Salva Kiir Mayardit is the first President of the Republic of South Sudan.

Following the signing of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement formally ending Sudan's civil war in January 2005, and the subsequent inauguration of the Government of National Unity on July 9 Kiir was appointed Vice President of the Government of Southern Sudan. Following the tragic death of

President of Southern Sudan and First Vice President of Sudan Dr. John Garang in a helicopter crash in July 2005, Kiir was chosen to succeed Garang.

President Kiir is the only surviving founding member of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement/Army (SPLM/A) and was a close colleague of Dr. Garang since the inception of the liberation movement in 1983. He rose through the ranks to become the second in command of the movement and the army.

President Kiir, a Dinka, was born in 1951 in the Bahr-el-Ghazal region. He joined the liberation war early in his life beginning with the Anyanya movement in the early 1960s and had risen to a fairly senior position by the time the war ended in 1972 with the signing of the Addis Ababa Accord. Thereafter, he joined the national Sudan army in which he served until 1983, when he joined SPLM/A. President Kiir's background is in military intelligence.

A major accomplishment of President Kiir during the last six years has been holding South Sudan together and leading it through a peaceful referendum to independence on July 9, 2011.



**Bill Killeen**  
**President, Acrow Corporation**

Bill Killeen is President of the Acrow Corporation, a leading manufacturer of prefabricated modular steel bridges with its headquarters in Parsippany, New Jersey; manufacturing facility in Milton, Pennsylvania; sales offices in Golden, Colorado; Mobile, Alabama; St. Louis, Missouri; Toronto, Ontario; and Vancouver, British Columbia, and warehousing in Lafayette, New Jersey.

Mr. Killeen's career started at Acrow in 1977 after working in the public sector for a few years. He worked his way through the organization and became president in 1995. In 1999, he led a group that includes his brother Charles in the acquisition of Acrow.

Mr. Killeen has dedicated himself to improving prefabrication technologies because of the many benefits it yields for all countries. He is an active member of the National Society of Professional Engineers, New Jersey Society of Professional Engineers, American Institute of Steel Construction, and National Steel Bridge Alliance.



**Ron Kirk**  
**United States Trade Representative**

Ambassador Ron Kirk is the United States Trade Representative (USTR). He is a member of President Obama's Cabinet and serves as the President's principal trade advisor, negotiator, and spokesperson on trade issues.

Ambassador Kirk has directed USTR's market-opening agenda through negotiations and dialogue with trading partners around the world. These initiatives include working to conclude and advance bilateral free trade agreements with Korea, Colombia, and Panama, advancing the ambitious regional Trans-Pacific Partnership talks, and sustaining serious U.S. engagement in the Doha round of multilateral negotiations at the World Trade Organization.

Ambassador Kirk brings both public service and private sector experience to USTR. He served two terms as the first African-American mayor of Dallas. Prior to becoming mayor, he served as Texas Secretary of State under Governor Ann Richards. In addition, Ambassador Kirk has practiced law as a partner in the international law firm Vinson & Elkins, LLP. He was named one of "The 50 Most Influential Minority Lawyers in America" by *The National Law Journal* in 2008.



**Maria Kiwana Kiwanuka**  
**Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Uganda**

Maria Kiwana Kiwanuka was appointed Uganda's Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development in May 2011.

From 1997 to 2011, she was General Manager of Radio One, Uganda, and General Manager Radio Two, Uganda. Before that, she worked at the World Bank, as a Financial Systems Consultant and Financial Economist focusing on East Asia and Southern Africa.

She has served as Chairperson of the Uganda Registration Services Bureau, Vice-Chair Person of the National Association of Broadcasters, Member of the African Media Forum, Board Member of Stanbic Bank (U) Ltd. and of Uganda Development Bank, on the Uganda Communications Commission, and on the Presidential Investment Round Table (2007 - 2009).



**Ben Knapen**  
**Minister for European Affairs and International Cooperation, Netherlands**

Professor Knapen was appointed Minister for European Affairs and International Cooperation on October 14, 2010. He began his career as a history teacher in 1976. In 1977, he was hired as foreign desk editor at the *NRC Handelsblad* national newspaper and worked as a correspondent for the NRC in Germany and the United States until 1990. In 1990, Mr. Knapen was appointed editor-in-chief of the *NRC Handelsblad*. In 1996, Mr. Knapen was appointed Senior Director of Corporate Communication, Marketing and Institutional Relations at Philips. In 1999, he joined the Board of Management of publishing company PCM Uitgevers, where he was responsible for the book division. As a freelance correspondent in Southeast Asia, he wrote for the *NRC Handelsblad* from 2006 to 2008.

Until taking office as Minister for European Affairs and International Cooperation, Mr. Knapen was a council member of the Advisory Council for Government Policy (WRR) and Professor of Media Quality and Ethics (endowed chair) at Radboud University Nijmegen, both since 2008.



**Kornelio Koriom Mayik**  
**Governor, Bank of South Sudan**

Kornelio Koriom Mayik is the Governor of the Bank of South Sudan. He was appointed in August 2011. Prior to his appointment, he served as the General Manager of the Central Bank of Sudan from 2000 to 2011.

In 1991, Governor Mayik established the Ivory Bank in Khartoum, Sudan, and served as the General Manager from 1994 to 2000. Governor Mayik was also appointed as the Minister of Finance for Greater Bahr el Ghazal State in Sudan from 1983 to 1986 and as the Minister for Coordination in the High Executive Council for South Sudan in 1983.

Governor Mayik has also participated as a delegate in talks with Sudan on economic issues, mainly on matters of currency and banking. He holds a Bachelor of Science with honors from Khartoum University in Sudan and was born in Warrap State.



**Agnes Kwaje Lasuba**  
**Minister of Gender, Child and Social Welfare, Republic of South Sudan**

Agnes Kwaje Lasuba was appointed the first Minister of Gender, Child and Social Welfare of the Republic of South Sudan on August 26, 2011.

She served previously in the same Ministry as a Minister from June 2009 to August 25, 2011 (under the Government of Southern Sudan and the caretaker government until the first post-independence government was named).

She was nominated by Yei River County as Member of Parliament to the Southern Sudan Legislative Assembly 2005-2009 and was elected by the Assembly as the Chairperson, Regional and International Cooperation Committee. She was elected Member of Parliament to the National Assembly on a Women Seat representing Yei River County – Central Equatoria State, April, 2010-2015.

Minister Lasuba was a member of the negotiating team that resulted in the signing of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement that ended Sudan's civil war in 2005.

She was the Deputy Representative of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement and Spokesperson in the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland 2000-2005, and the Gender Focal Point for South Sudan at the Joint Assessment Mission for Sudan 2003-2004.

She pursued higher studies in the United Kingdom, earning a Master's in Gender and Policy Development, University of East Anglia, Norfolk, UK 1990-1991, and a B.A. Hons. Development and Social Studies, University of East Anglia, Norfolk, UK 1987-1990.



**Isaac Liabwel Chadak Yol**

**Undersecretary, Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation, Republic of South Sudan**

Isaac Liabwel Chadak Yol, Undersecretary for the Republic of South Sudan Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation, is a civil engineer by profession, specializing in water resources management and design of water infrastructures, irrigation schemes, water supply and sanitation schemes, and water control structures.

He is a graduate from the University of Khartoum and has 20 years of experience in the field. He has worked for different NGOs and public offices. Since 2005, he has worked for the Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation in the Government of Southern Sudan, as an undersecretary since its establishment. Prior to this, he has worked as consultant for the UN Food and Agriculture Organization on land and water resources in the southern sector.



**Elizabeth Littlefield**

**President and CEO, Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC)**

Elizabeth Littlefield was appointed by President Obama as the 10th President and CEO of OPIC, the U.S. Government's development finance institution, which mobilizes private capital to help solve critical development challenges and in doing so advances U.S. foreign policy.

From 2000 to 2010, Ms. Littlefield was Chief Executive Officer of CGAP (Consultative Group to Assist the Poor), a policy and research center dedicated to advancing access to financial services for the world's poor and supported by over 30 development agencies and private foundations. Housed at the World Bank, CGAP develops innovative solutions, promotes standards and best practices, provides market intelligence and data, and advises governments, financial services providers, as well as donors and investors. During that time, Ms. Littlefield also served as World Bank's Director of Financial & Private Sector. Prior to joining CGAP in 1999, Ms. Littlefield was JP Morgan's Managing Director in charge of capital markets and financing in emerging Europe, Middle East and Africa.



**Princeton Lyman**  
**U.S. Special Envoy for Sudan**

Ambassador Princeton N. Lyman was appointed United States Special Envoy for Sudan on March 31, 2011. Immediately preceding his tenure as Special Envoy, he served as U.S. Senior Advisor on North-South Negotiations, where he led the U.S. team focused on supporting ongoing negotiations between the parties to Sudan's 2005 Comprehensive Peace Agreement.

Ambassador Lyman previously worked as an adjunct senior fellow for Africa policy studies at the Council on Foreign Relations. He is also an adjunct professor at Georgetown University. From 1999 to 2003, he was executive director of the Global Interdependence Initiative at the Aspen Institute.

Ambassador Lyman's previous career in government included assignments as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs (1981-1986), U.S. Ambassador to Nigeria (1986-1989), Director of Refugee Programs (1989-1992), U.S. Ambassador to South Africa (1992-1995), and Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs (1996-1998). From 2008-2010, he was a member of the African Advisory Committee to the United States Trade Representative. He began his government career with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and served as USAID Director in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 1976 to 1978.



**Kosti Manibe Ngai**  
**Minister of Finance and Economic Planning, Republic of South Sudan**

Kosti Manibe Ngai is the Minister of Finance and Economic Planning for the Republic of South Sudan.

Prior to his appointment as Minister, he held a number of senior positions, including Minister of Cabinet Affairs and Minister of Humanitarian Affairs in the Government of National Unity. Minister Kosti was also the lead economic negotiator in South Sudan's discussions with the North on the separation of the two countries.

Prior to the signing of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement in 2005, Mr. Ngai served as the Commissioner for Education in the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM), a political party in



Southern Sudan. Mr. Kosti has a long history with the Sudan Council of Churches and served as the Deputy Secretary General between 1984 and 1992. Minister Kosti holds a Bachelor of Arts with Honors from Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda.



**Darius Mans**  
**President, Africare**

Dr. Darius Mans assumed the position of President of Africare on January 4, 2010. Prior to joining Africare, Dr. Mans served as Acting Chief Executive Officer of Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC). Dr. Mans has over 30 years of development experience with a major focus on African countries

Prior to being tapped as Acting Chief Executive Officer for MCC, Dr. Mans was the organization's Vice President of Implementation, overseeing the strategic and operational approaches of MCC's entire compact implementation portfolio of over \$6.3 billion in 18 countries. Mans also served as MCC's Managing Director for Africa, where he drove an increase in commitments to Africa by \$1.6 billion.

Before joining MCC, Dr. Mans held various positions at the World Bank including Director of the World Bank Institute (WBI) in Washington, DC, responsible for its programs in WBI's 45 countries around the world. Dr. Mans was also the World Bank's Country Director in Mozambique, where he designed and implemented a five-year program focused on infrastructure and private sector development. Mans also led the reengagement of the World Bank in Angola, providing analytical and advisory services and \$125 million in lending to Angola following the end of the country's 27-year civil war.



**Richard McCall**  
**Senior Vice President and Chair of the Council of Senior Advisors, Creative Associates**

Richard McCall is Creative Associates Senior Vice President and Chair of the Council of Senior Advisors. Prior to joining Creative Associates, he spent 30 years with the U.S. government, 22 of which were in Senate Offices on Capitol Hill. He served as Chief of Staff to United States Agency for

International Development (USAID) Administrator Brian Atwood, as Senior Advisor to his successor, Brady Anderson, and two years as Senior Advisor to USAID Administrator Andrew Natsios.

During his time at USAID, he was designated by the Administrator for institutionalizing conflict mitigation and management within the Agency. He participated in crisis management and strategic planning for southern Sudan, Rwanda, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Zimbabwe. He led the joint effort with the European Union in 1994 to create the Somalia AID Coordination Body that established a framework for engagement of the international donor community in Somalia and served as its first Chair.



**Jeff Miller**  
**Senior Vice President, Global Business Development and Marketing, Halliburton**

Jeff Miller is Senior Vice President of Global Business Development and Marketing. Based in Dubai, he is responsible for strategic account management, sales, marketing, commercialization, global business and technical solutions for Halliburton.

Prior to this appointment, Mr. Miller was Senior Vice President of Halliburton's Gulf of Mexico Region, and earlier, Vice President of the Company's Baroid product service line, responsible for all aspects of Baroid's global performance. From April 2004 to April 2006, Mr. Miller was the Halliburton Energy Services Group's Country Vice President for Indonesia. He also served as Country Vice President in Angola for two years, Business Development Manager for Venezuela, and the Shared Services Manager for Venezuela. He began his career with Halliburton in 1997 as Director of Financial Reporting.



**Sameer Mithal**  
**Chief Development Officer, WaterHealth International**

In his role as Chief Development Officer for WaterHealth International, Mr. Mithal leads the company's global business development initiatives as well as being responsible for operations in Africa, Bangladesh, and Philippines. He has negotiated a joint venture partnership in Bangladesh between WaterHealth, the IFC, and AK Khan Group of Companies, which resulted in the market launch of

WaterHealth's initiatives in that country. He also structured the "Safe Water for Africa" partnership in collaboration with The Coca-Cola Africa Foundation, Diageo and IFC.

Prior to joining WaterHealth International, Mr. Mithal was a Senior Principal with IBB Consulting Group focused on strategy, new product definition and business development opportunities for companies in the cable, media and communications industries. Mr. Mithal has also been a Founder and Managing Partner of a technology development company, VP of Business Development/Operations for a media-focused startup company and worked for Booz & Company on projects in Asia, Latin America and Europe.



**Martin Mogwanja**  
**Deputy Executive Director, UNICEF**

Mr. Martin Mogwanja assumed his new duties as Deputy Executive Director (Management) in UNICEF Headquarters on 17th January 2011.

Mr. Mogwanja had been serving as UNICEF Representative in Pakistan since January 2007. In this capacity, he had been responsible for the overall planning, coordination and implementation of a broad range of UNICEF country programmes to improve the status of women and children in Pakistan, including a large emergency relief program in North-Western Pakistan. He also served as the Humanitarian Coordinator in Pakistan from June 2009, in which capacity he led the UN and NGO response to the IDPs displaced in North-Western Pakistan, and later led the response to the 2010 floods emergency.



**Francesca Mosca**  
**Geographical Director, European Commission Development and Cooperation Office**

Since June 2011, Francesca Mosca is the Geographical Director for sub-Saharan Africa and Horizontal ACP matters at the European Commission's Development and Cooperation Office. In this capacity, she defines the European Commission's development policies and ensures their coherence in the

countries of sub-Saharan Africa. Ms. Mosca was Director of Quality of Operations, promoting quality impact and sustainability of the European Commission's development cooperation projects and programs. She spent seven years abroad as Head of the European Union delegations in Zimbabwe (2001-2005) and Nicaragua (covering all countries of Central America, from 2005 to 2008). Before that, she worked in various areas of the European Commission's development policy, where she was responsible for thematic issues such as food security and food assistance, human rights/democracy and governance, as well as geographic cooperation with East Africa and Central Africa.



**James Mwangi, MBS**  
**Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director, Equity Bank Group**

James Mwangi is currently the Chairman of Kenya's Vision 2030 Delivery Board, charged with the responsibility of ensuring that Kenya becomes a middle-income country with global high standards of living by the year 2030. Mr. Mwangi serves on several international bodies as an advisor and on the Board of the Africa Leadership Academy in South Africa. He has over 22 years of management experience.



**Erastus Jarnalese Onkundi Mwencha**  
**Deputy Chairperson of the African Union Commission**

A Kenyan national, Mr. Mwencha is a Pan-Africanist with over 25 years of experience in regional integration. He was appointed the Deputy Chairperson of the African Union in January 2008.

Previously, he was the Secretary General of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) for almost 10 years. Mr. Mwencha was instrumental in the development of COMESA and its predecessor, the Preferential Trade Area for Eastern and Southern Africa, including the organization's specialized institutions.

Prior to joining COMESA, Mr. Mwencha worked for the Government of Kenya in various capacities, including at the Industrial Survey and Promotion Center and in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. He has also served as Director of a number of public enterprises. He was awarded the “Moran of the Burning Spear” by the Kenyan President and holds an M.A. in Economics from York University in Canada and B.A. Honors in Economics from the University of Nairobi.



**Stephen O'Brien**  
**United Kingdom Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for International Development**

Stephen O'Brien was appointed Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for International Development on May 13, 2010. He is the Conservative Member of Parliament for Eddisbury, a seat he was elected to in the July 1999 by-election.

After practicing as a solicitor in the City of London for seven years, Mr. O'Brien was a manufacturing industrialist as International Director and Company Secretary of FTSE 100 company, Redland PLC – building materials producers.

He was previously a Shadow Minister for Health and Social Care, Shadow Minister for Skills and Higher Education, Shadow Secretary of State for Industry, Shadow Minister for the Treasury, Opposition Whip and Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Chairman of the Conservative Party. He has been a member of the House of Commons Select Committee on Education and Employment. In addition, he was founder and Chairman of the All Party Group on Malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases, also of the Tanzania Group (the country of his birth) and Vice Chairman of the All Party Aid Trade & Debt Group.



**Wallace S. Odd II**  
**Executive Vice President, Morrell Agro Industries, PLC**

Since May 2009, Wallace Odd has served as Executive Vice President of Morrell Agro Industries, PLC, (MAI), which is pursuing the “impossible” idea of growing crops in a climate where none have thrived before, to help end famine and provide food security in Ethiopia.

Assignments prior to joining MAI include The Executive Office of The President of the United States. He was instrumental in the establishment of the Office of National Drug Control. Mr. Odd was President of The Language Arts, a language translation company serving a select group of U.S. Government and law enforcement agencies. Mr. Odd served as Executive Director of Alumni for Utah State University, an association of over 150,000 alumni worldwide.

A distinguished Air Force Officer, he was the Integration Branch Chief, Strategic Air Defense Branch Chief, in the office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Systems Plans and Operations, the Pentagon; Squadron Commander, North Bay Canada; Operations Officer; Combat Crew Commander; Flight Commander; and Chief of Leadership & Management Division, Air University.



**Raymond C. Offenheiser**  
**President, Oxfam America**

Raymond C. Offenheiser is President of Oxfam America, a nonprofit international development and relief agency and the U.S. affiliate of Oxfam International. Since Mr. Offenheiser joined Boston-based Oxfam America in 1995, the organization has grown more than fourfold in size and has positioned itself as an expert on international development and global trade.

Mr. Offenheiser has worked his entire career in the nonprofit sector. Before joining Oxfam America, he served for five years as the Ford Foundation Representative in Bangladesh and, prior to that, in the Andean and Southern Cone regions of South America. He has also directed programs for the Inter-American Foundation in both Brazil and Colombia and worked for Save the Children Federation in Mexico.



**Betty Achan Ogwaro**  
**Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, Republic of South Sudan**

Dr. Betty Achan Ogwaro was appointed Minister of Agriculture and Forestry on August 26, 2011. She previously served as Minister of Agriculture of Eastern Equatoria State. She is a member of the mediation team negotiating peace settlement between the Lord's Resistance army (LRA) and the government of Uganda, and was the first Sudanese woman to challenge Joseph Kony, the LRA's top

leader, face-to-face for the group's atrocities in Sudan and their lack of commitment to the peace process.

Dr. Ogwaro is president of the Southern Sudanese Women's Parliamentarian League, which advances the participation of Sudanese women leaders in politics and decision making. She is also the chair of the Southern Sudanese Women Caucus, where influential women's organizations work to respond to the needs of Sudanese communities.



**Rebecca Joshua Okwaci**  
**Deputy Minister of General Education and Instruction, Republic of South Sudan**

Rebecca Joshua Okwaci is the Deputy Minister of General Education and Instruction in the Government of the Republic of South Sudan and a former Undersecretary of the Ministry of Labour, Public Service and Human Resource Development.

Ms. Okwaci is a founding member of the Coalition of Women Leaders, a diverse group of women from South Sudan and Sudan supported by The Institute for Inclusive Security, working to advance the inclusion of women in peace and security processes, such as the implementation of the 2005 Comprehensive Peace Agreement and state building following the separation of South Sudan.

She co-led the Sudanese delegation to the UN Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, China, in 1995 and facilitated dialogue between women from southern and northern Sudan. She also co-led the Sudanese women's delegation to The Hague Appeal for Peace in 1999, and spoke to the U.S. Congress Oversight Committee in 2008 on Sudanese women's contribution toward achieving peace.



**Susan D. Page**  
**U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of South Sudan**

Susan D. Page of Illinois is the first U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of South Sudan. Previously, she was deputy assistant secretary for the Bureau of African Affairs. She was a regional director at the



National Democratic Institute, director of the Rule of Law and Judicial System Advisory Unit at the U.N. Peace Support Mission to the Sudan, and legal advisor to the Intergovernmental Authority on Development Secretariat for Peace in the Sudan.



**Carlos Pascual**  
**U.S. Special Envoy and Coordinator for International Energy Affairs**

Ambassador Carlos Pascual is the State Department's Special Envoy and Coordinator for International Energy Affairs. He advises Secretary Clinton on energy issues, ensuring that energy security is advanced at all levels of U.S. foreign policy. Prior to his appointment, Ambassador Pascual served as the U.S. Ambassador to Mexico (2009-2011) and was Vice President and Director of the Foreign Policy Studies Program at the Brookings Institution (2003-2009).

During his extensive career in public service, Ambassador Pascual has held positions in the Department of State, the National Security Council (NSC) and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). He served as Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization at the U.S. Department of State, where he led and organized U.S. government planning to help stabilize and reconstruct societies in transition from conflict or civil strife.

Ambassador Pascual served as Coordinator for U.S. Assistance to Europe and Eurasia (2003), U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine (2000-2003), Special Assistant to the President and NSC Senior Director for Russia, Ukraine and Eurasia (1998-2000), and Director for the same region (1995-1998). Ambassador Pascual worked for USAID in Sudan, South Africa and Mozambique, and as Deputy Assistant Administrator for Europe and Eurasia (1983-1995).



**U.S. Congressman Donald M. Payne**

Donald M. Payne became New Jersey's first African American to be elected to the U.S. Congress in 1988. In 2010, he was elected to serve his twelfth term to represent the 10th District in the 112th Congress. Rep. Payne is a senior member of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, where he



serves as Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights and as a member of the Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere. Rep. Payne has been at the forefront of efforts to restore democracy and human rights in nations throughout the globe. He joined with his colleagues to introduce a measure which was subsequently approved by Congress to strengthen the Microenterprise Act, providing small business loans to people in developing nations. He was successful in winning passage of a resolution declaring genocide in Darfur, Sudan. He authored the Sudan Peace Act, a measure approved by Congress to facilitate famine relief efforts and a comprehensive solution to the war in Sudan.



**Bobby J. Pittman Jr.**  
**Vice President, African Development Bank**

Bobby J. Pittman is the African Development Bank's Vice President for Infrastructure, Private Sector, and Regional Integration. In this capacity, he leads a team with the mission to mobilize and deploy finance, expertise and partnerships for infrastructure, private sector and regional integration in order to contribute to the development and social progress of Africa. Mr. Pittman manages a portfolio of more than \$25 billion in active projects across 52 African countries, including more than \$7 billion in private sector operations.

Previously, Mr. Pittman held senior positions at several U.S. government agencies, including the National Security Council, Treasury Department, State Department and White House. From 2006 to 2009, he served as the Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for African Affairs in the White House. In that capacity, he was the President's lead advisor on Africa issues as well as the President's Africa Personal Representative to the G8.

From 2004 to 2006, Mr. Pittman served as Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Development Finance and Debt at the Department of the Treasury. He was a key architect and the lead U.S. negotiator of the 100 percent debt relief proposal endorsed by the G8 at the Gleneagles Summit in July 2005. To date, this effort has delivered more than \$40 billion in debt stock cancellation for the world's poorest countries.



**James Polan**  
**Vice President, Overseas Private Investment Corporation**

Jim Polan is Vice President of the Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) Finance Department at the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC), the U.S. Government's development finance institution.

The SME Finance Department administers OPIC SME direct lending programs sponsored by U.S. companies and financial institutions. From 2003, Mr. Polan introduced, designed, and implemented exceptionally innovative, developmental, and award-winning products including those involving MSME, renewable/clean tech energy, and low-income housing finance, resulting in a multi-billion dollar increase in assets and significant economic and social developmental benefits.

Prior to assuming the role of Vice President, Mr. Polan has led project teams to project finance transaction closings throughout the world, covering sectors including manufacturing, oil and gas, private power, transportation, communications, mining, tourism, agro-industry and franchising representing tens of billions of dollars in foreign direct investment in over 150 developing countries.

Prior to joining OPIC in 1995, Mr. Polan spent the previous 17 years working for development finance banking institutions in Botswana and has been a financial and economic consultant to financial institutions throughout Southern Africa and the Far East.



**Steve Radelet**  
**Chief Economist, U.S. Agency for International Development**

Steve Radelet is the Chief Economist for the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). During 2010, he was Senior Advisor for Development for the Secretary of State, where he advised senior members of the department on best practices in development and on strategies to strengthen and elevate development across the U.S. Government. From 2002 to 2010, he was a Senior Fellow at the Center for Global Development, where his work focused on economic growth, poverty reduction,

foreign aid, debt, and trade. He served as an economic advisor to the President of Liberia from 2005-2009, and was founding co-chair of the Modernizing Foreign Assistance Network. From 2000 to 2002 he was Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Africa, the Middle East, and Asia. From 1990 to 2000, he was a Fellow at the Harvard Institute for International Development, Director of the Institute's macroeconomics program, and a lecturer on economics and public policy at Harvard University.

Among many other publications, he is the author of *Emerging Africa: How 17 Countries are Leading the Way* (2010) and *Challenging Foreign Aid: A Policymaker's Guide to the Millennium Challenge Account* (2003), and co-author of *Economics of Development* (6th edition, 2006).



### **Susan E. Rice** **U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations**

Ambassador Susan E. Rice serves as the U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations. She was unanimously confirmed to this position by the U.S. Senate on January 22, 2009.

From February 2007 through November 2008, Ambassador Rice served as a Senior Advisor for National Security Affairs on the Obama for America Campaign. She later served on the Advisory Board of the Obama-Biden Transition and as co-chair of its policy working group on national security. From 2002-2009, she was a Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution where she focused on U.S. foreign policy, transnational security threats, weak states, global poverty and development.

From 1997 to 2001, Ambassador Rice was the U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs. In this position she formulated and implemented overall U.S. policy for 48 countries of Sub-Saharan Africa, including political, economic, security and humanitarian issues. As Assistant Secretary, she oversaw the management of 43 U.S. Embassies and over 5,000 U.S. and Foreign Service national employees, with a bureau-operating budget of over \$100 million and a program budget of approximately \$160 million annually. In 2000, Ambassador Rice was co-recipient of the White House's 2000 Samuel Nelson Drew Memorial Award for distinguished contributions to the formation of peaceful, cooperative relationships between states. From 1995-1997, Ambassador Rice served as Special Assistant to President William J. Clinton and Senior Director for African Affairs at the National Security Council at the White House.



**Antoinette Monsio Sayeh**  
**Director, International Monetary Fund, Africa Department**

Antoinette Monsio Sayeh assumed her current position as Director of the African Department of the International Monetary Fund in July 2008, after two and a half years as post-conflict Liberia's Minister of Finance.

Before joining President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf's Cabinet, she worked for the World Bank for 17 years, including as Country Director for Benin, Niger, and Togo, in various roles in the Africa and South Asia regions, and as Assistant to its principal Managing Director. Before joining the Bank, Ms. Sayeh worked in economic advisory positions in Liberia's Ministries of Finance and Planning.



**Witney Schneidman**  
**Founder, Schneidman & Associates International**

Witney Schneidman is the Founder of Schneidman & Associates International (SAI), a Washington-based, Africa-focused business development consulting firm. SAI works with American businesses to help them establish or enhance market share and position in Africa. SAI also works with African businesses by assisting them in establishing a presence in the American market and identifying potential partners or sources of capital. SAI is an active member of the Corporate Council on Africa and the U.S.-Angola Chamber of Commerce.

Prior to establishing this company, Mr. Schneidman served in the Clinton Administration as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs. He was responsible for economic and commercial issues in sub-Saharan Africa and had regional responsibility for Southern Africa. Among his activities was ensuring the passage and implementation of the Africa Growth and Opportunity Act, and the establishment of the U.S.-SADC Forum, the U.S.-Angola Bilateral Consultative Commission and the U.S.-Nigeria Joint Economic Partnership Committee.



**Rajiv Shah**  
**Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development**

Dr. Rajiv Shah serves as the 16th Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and leads the efforts of more than 8,000 professionals in 80 missions around the world. Since being sworn in on December 31, 2009, Administrator Shah managed the U.S. Government's response to the devastating 2010 earthquake in Haiti, co-chaired the State Department's first-ever review of American diplomacy and development operations, and now spearheads President Obama's landmark Feed the Future food security initiative. He is also leading "USAID Forward," an extensive set of reforms to USAID's business model around seven key areas, including procurement, science and technology, and monitoring and evaluation.



**U.S. Congressman Chris Smith**

Elected in 1980, Rep. Chris Smith (R-Robbinsville, NJ) is currently in his 16th term in the U.S. House of Representatives. Smith currently serves as a senior member on the Foreign Affairs Committee, and is chairman of its Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights Subcommittee. He is also chairman of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, and serves on the Congressional-Executive Commission on China.

He also serves as Special Representative on Human Trafficking for the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, and as an executive member of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission. Previously, he served as Chairman of the Veterans Committee and Chairman of the Foreign Affairs' Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Operations and the Subcommittee on Africa.



**Gayle Smith**

**Special Assistant to President Obama and Senior Director, National Security Council**

Gayle Smith is Special Assistant to President Obama and Senior Director at the National Security Council (NSC), where she is responsible for global development, democracy, stabilization, and humanitarian assistance issues. She was previously a Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress, Co-Chair of the ENOUGH Project, and Co-Founder of the Modernizing Foreign Assistance Network. During the Clinton Administration, Smith served as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for African Affairs at the NSC, and as Senior Advisor to the Administrator and Chief of Staff of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

Ms. Smith was based in Africa for over 20 years as a journalist covering military, economic, and political affairs for the BBC, Associated Press, Reuters, Boston Globe, *Christian Science Monitor*, *Toronto Globe & Mail*, *London Observer*, and *Financial Times*. Smith has also consulted for a wide range of NGOs, foundations, and governmental organizations, including UNICEF, the World Bank, Dutch Interchurch Aid, Norwegian Church Relief, and the Canadian Council for International Cooperation. She won the World Journalism Award from the World Affairs Council and the World Hunger Year Award in 1991, and in 1999 won the National Security Council's Samuel Nelson Drew Award for Distinguished Contribution in Pursuit of Global Peace.



**Erik Solheim**

**Minister of the Environment and International Development, Norway**

Mr. Solheim's most important achievement in his post as minister is probably the Norwegian International Climate and Forest Initiative, under which Norway cooperates closely with Brazil, Indonesia, Guyana and other countries on conservation and sustainable use of rainforests. The initiative has attracted interest worldwide, and has provided input to the negotiations on reduction of emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in developing countries (REDD+).

Mr. Solheim has also put in place the Nature Management Act, which many consider to be Norway's most important piece of environmental legislation in 100 years. He has secured legal protection of several national parks and of the forest areas surrounding Oslo. He headed the Norwegian delegations and was in charge of Norway's work in connection with the four climate change conferences from Bali to Cancun. He played a key role in the efforts to secure an international agreement on biological diversity in Nagoya in Japan in 2010.

During Mr. Solheim's period in office, Norway's allocations for development assistance have increased to one percent of gross national income, which is the highest share in the world.



**Donald Steinberg**  
**Deputy Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development**

As Deputy Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development, Donald Steinberg provides overall direction and management for the principal U.S. development agency and is particularly focused on developments in the Middle East and Africa, reforms under USAID Forward and the Quadrennial Diplomacy and Development Review, integration and mainstreaming of gender and disabilities into agency programming, and enhanced dialogue with development partners, including civil society, business, foreign donors, international institutions, Congress, and other U.S. government agencies.

Ambassador Steinberg previously served as deputy president for policy at International Crisis Group, where he directed policy, advocacy, and report writing for this nonprofit organization seeking to prevent, contain and resolve deadly conflict. He also served as a Randolph Jennings Senior Fellow at the U.S. Institute of Peace, where he researched, wrote, and advocated on behalf of the world's 25 million internally displaced persons.

During his nearly 30 years with the U.S. government, he served as Director of the State Department's Joint Policy Council, Deputy White House Press Secretary, National Security Council Senior Director for African Affairs, Special Haiti Coordinator, U.S. Ambassador to Angola, and Special Representative of the President for Humanitarian Demining.



**Paul Talley**  
**Chief Operating Officer of Zanbato**

For the past three years, Mr. Talley has been a board member and CEO of several international technology companies in Russia, China, Australia, and New Zealand. He has been active in implementing global expansion strategies, acquisitions, and financing strategies.

Prior to this, Mr. Talley spent 10 years on Wall Street in New York doing financial advisory, private equity and strategic advisory for major global technology companies. He formerly held positions as Managing Director and Head of Technology Principal Investing (Americas) for Macquarie Bank, Founder and Head of Technology Investment Banking for Giuliani Capital and founder and Head of Security and Defense Investment Banking for Cascadia Capital.

Mr. Talley began his career founding and running technology and software companies including roles as Chairman and CEO of Sterling Security, Executive Vice President of Vigilos, Vice President of Data West Corporation and Vice President of Pinkerton Systems Integration. He is an inventor with two issued technology patents and entrepreneur who founded and ran several Internet software companies.

Zanbato operates the premier technology platform for global infrastructure finance. Sokoni is Zanbato's joint venture with the African Development Bank.



**Thierry Tanoh**  
**Vice President, International Finance Corporation**

Thierry Tanoh, an Ivorian national, is the International Finance Corporation (IFC) Vice President for Sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Western Europe, and a member of the Management Team. He is based in Johannesburg.



Mr. Tanoh has been a Vice President since 2008. As Vice President, he has led IFC's strategy for the poorest and conflict-affected states and supported industry departments in agribusiness, general manufacturing and services, and health and education.

From 2004, he was IFC Associate Director and then Director for sub-Saharan Africa, where he was a key player in the expansion of IFC's activities in the region. IFC's investment activity in Africa grew from \$140 million in 2003 to \$1.8 billion in 2009. As part of the regional management team, he was responsible for integrating IFC's investment and advisory business lines in the region. He also led the Africa team's initiative to scale up activities in conflict-affected economies.

Mr. Tanoh joined IFC in 1994 through the Young Professionals Program. Prior to joining IFC, Mr. Tanoh worked for a consulting firm in Paris and with the banking commission of the West African Central Bank in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.



**Lars H. Thunell**  
**Executive Vice President and CEO, International Finance Corporation**

Lars H. Thunell, a Swedish national, is Executive Vice President and CEO of the International Finance Corporation (IFC), a member of the World Bank Group.

Mr. Thunell is leading IFC in its mission to promote sustainable private sector development. Since joining the IFC in January 2006, Mr. Thunell has advanced growth of IFC's business and its mission to create opportunities in emerging markets and improve people's lives. He has visited 90 countries, including more than 60 developing countries, to see firsthand how IFC can best help its clients with financing and advisory services.

Mr. Thunell joined IFC after a successful career in the financial services industry. Most recently, he was the Chief Executive Officer of SEB, a North European commercial and investment bank. As President and Chief Executive Officer of Securum, an asset management company established by the Swedish government, he played a key role in the government's strategy for resolving the country's banking crisis of the 1990s.

**Aggrey Tisa Sabuni**  
**Presidential Advisor on Economic Affairs, Republic of South Sudan**

Aggrey Tisa Sabuni, Advisor on Economic Affairs to the President of the Republic of South Sudan, was previously Undersecretary for Economic Planning since 2006. During Sudan's second civil war, he

worked for the Regional Ministry of Finance (rising to Director General of Finance) of the Government (known as the Co-ordinating Council for Southern States).

Before that, he worked for the Regional Development Cooperation (one of the Ministries in southern Sudan). He has a Bachelor's degree in Economics and Statistics from Khartoum and a Master's degree in Economics from Glasgow.



**Tony Venables**  
**Professor of Economics at the University of Oxford**

Tony Venables CBE is Professor of Economics at the University of Oxford where he also directs the Centre for the Analysis of Resource Rich Economies.

He is a Fellow of the British Academy and of the Econometric Society. Former positions include Chief Economist at the UK Department for International Development, professor at the London School of Economics, research manager of the trade research group in the World Bank, and advisor to the UK Treasury. He has published extensively in the areas of international trade and spatial economics, including work on trade and imperfect competition, economic integration, multinational firms, and economic geography. Publications include *The Spatial Economy; Cities, Regions and International Trade*, with M. Fujita and P. Krugman (MIT press, 1999), and *Multinationals in the World Economy* with G. Barba Navaretti (Princeton 2004).



**Melanne Vermeer**  
**Ambassador-at-Large, Global Women's Issues**

President Barack Obama appointed Melanne Vermeer as Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues in 2009.

Ambassador Verveer coordinates foreign policy issues and activities relating to the political, economic and social advancement of women around the world. She mobilizes concrete support for women's rights and political and economic empowerment through initiatives and programs designed to increase women's and girls' access to education and health care, to combat violence against women and girls in all its forms, and to ensure that women's rights are fully integrated with human rights in the development of U.S. foreign policy.

Ambassador Verveer most recently served as Chair and Co-CEO of Vital Voices Global Partnership, an international nonprofit she co-founded. Vital Voices invests in emerging women leaders and works to expand women's roles in generating economic opportunity, promoting political participation, and safeguarding human rights. Prior to her work with Vital Voices, Ambassador Verveer served as Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff to the First Lady in the Clinton Administration and was chief assistant to then-First Lady Hillary Clinton in all her wide-ranging international activities to advance women's rights and further social development, democracy and peace-building initiatives. She also led the effort to establish the President's Interagency Council on Women. Prior to her time in the White House, Ambassador Verveer served in a number of leadership roles in public policy organizations and as legislative staff.



**William Warshauer**  
**Chief Operating Officer, Pact**

William Warshauer is the new Chief Operating Officer of Pact. He will oversee new business development, program development and delivery, policy/advocacy, strategic partnerships and overall operations for the global development agency.

Mr. Warshauer launched his career as a Peace Corps volunteer in Sierra Leone. Later, in private industry, he was responsible for administering multimillion-dollar programs in Pakistan, Myanmar, and throughout Africa. He has also served as a consultant to international organizations such as UNICEF and UNAIDS, the Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS.

Most recently, Mr. Warshauer was Executive Vice President for health and development solutions with Washington-based Voxiva, Inc., a leading provider of interactive mobile solutions in the health sector. Formerly, Warshauer served as Executive Vice President at Population Services International (PSI), where he was responsible for business development, new product development and corporate strategy. Prior to that, he was responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations of a \$90 million annual portfolio of PSI's international health programs in East and Southern Africa.



**Nicholas Westcott, CMG**  
**Managing Director Africa, European External Action Service**

Nick Westcott has been Managing Director, European External Action Service, since February 2011. He was British High Commissioner to Ghana and non-resident Ambassador to the Ivory Coast, Burkina Faso, Niger, and Togo from January 2008 to January 2011. He was Chief Information Officer and Head of IT Strategy at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) from 2002- 2007, managing the FCO's £100m annual ICT budget.

Prior to that, he served as Minister-Counsellor at the British Embassy, Washington (1999-2002) handling trade, transport and e-commerce issues; as Deputy High Commissioner in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania (1993-6); and at the UK Representation to the EU in Brussels (1984-9). He has also held a number of jobs at the FCO in London, including Head of the Economic Relations Department, in which role he was responsible for managing the Birmingham G8 Summit in 1998.



**Dana L. Wilkins**  
**South Sudan Specialist, Global Witness**

Dana Wilkins leads Global Witness' work on Sudan and South Sudan, and for the past year has worked extensively on oil governance issues with government officials in Juba and donor officials around the world. Ms. Wilkins has followed the development of the new petroleum legislation and oversight institutions closely, providing recommendations and assistance based on international best practice for oil sector transparency and accountability.

Nominated for the 2003 Nobel Peace Prize, Global Witness has spent the last 17 years pioneering campaigns against natural resource-related conflict, corruption, and associated environmental and human rights abuses. From Cambodia to Congo, Sierra Leone to Turkmenistan, the organization has worked to expose the brutality and injustice that results from the misuse of natural resource wealth.



**Cevdet Yilmaz**  
**Minister of Development, Turkey**

Cevdet Yilmaz is the Minister of Development of Turkey, a position he has held since June 2011. Related agencies include: Turkish Statistical Institute; South Eastern Anatolia Regional Development Administration; East Anatolian Regional Development Administration; and Konya Plain Project Regional Development Administration. Other responsibilities and duties include: membership of High Planning Council; membership of Privatization High Council; membership of Economic Coordination Council; membership of Money Credit and Coordination Council; Presidency of South Eastern Anatolia Project High Council; Presidency of East Anatolian Project (DAP) and Konya Plain Project (KOP) High Coordination Council.

Minister Yilmaz was Minister of State in the 60th Turkish Government (May 2009-June 2011); Member of Turkish the Grand National Assembly from Bingöl Province since July 2007; President of the Turkish Delegation to the Interparliamentary Union; Member of EU Harmonization Committee; - Deputy Chairman of Economic Affairs in the AK Party. He was also Director General for EU Affairs 2003-2007.



**Robert B. Zoellick**  
**President, World Bank**

Robert B. Zoellick became the 11th president of the World Bank Group on July 1, 2007.

Prior to joining the Bank, Mr. Zoellick served as Vice Chairman, International of the Goldman Sachs Group. He served in the President's Cabinet as the 13th U.S. Trade Representative from 2001 to 2005 and as Deputy Secretary of State from 2005 to 2006. From 1985-1993, Mr. Zoellick served at the Treasury and State Departments, as well as briefly in the White House. He earned a J.D. magna cum laude from the Harvard Law School, a MPP from the Kennedy School of Government, and a BA (Honors, Phi Beta Kappa) from Swarthmore College.